

Making Function Keys Work.doc (for Macintosh users)

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This tutorial explains how Mac users can make the Function Keys (F1 - F12) work as standard function keys when using Parallels. Stated another way, this allows you to have regular function keys when you are on the PC side of your computer.

2.

The Function Keys cease to work the same on your Mac side of your computer. To use the Function Keys on the Mac side, you will need to hold down the fn (Function key) - Located in the lower left corner of built-in keyboards on portable Macs . I have looked on the Internet for a picture of this, and I see that not all Macs have a “fn” key. I do not know what to say about that.

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For further reference, you might see Mac OS X keyboard shortcuts,
<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1343>

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This is what my keyboard looks like.

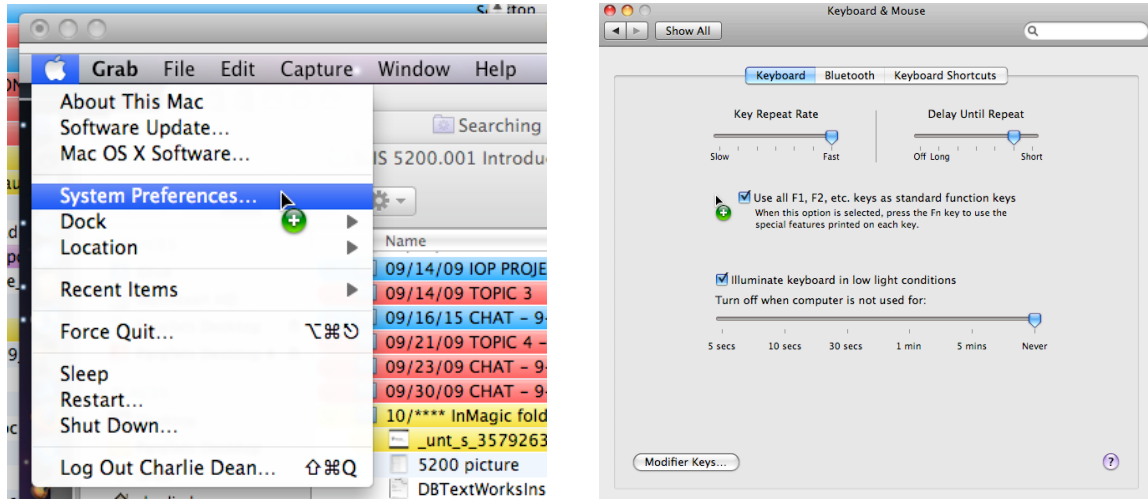
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Notice (above) the “fn” Key in the lower left of the keyboard. Remember this. You will need to know it for the **memory test** you will take in a while.

5.

Open (below/left) System Preferences. Check (below/right) “Use all F1, F2, etc.” and then close this window.



6.

Now press on the F1 Key, which dims your screen. You will see that it does not work. Now hold down the “fn” Key while pressing the F1 Key, then do the same with the F2 Key. **All of the Function Keys still work on the Mac side as long as you hold down the “fn” Key.** On the PC side each function key works good like a function key should.

I hope this has benefited at least one Mac user.